

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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REPORT NO.

TOPIC Staaken Airfield

EVALUATION see below

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REMARKS

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1. On 29 May 1951 at about 1 p.m., six twin-engine transports coming from the west landed individually at Staaken airfield. All of the planes had two white rectangles one above the other, on their rudder assemblies. The white numbers 2, 3 and 4 were seen on the tail unit of three planes. The aircraft taxied to the open hangar in the southeastern corner of the field where another transport was parked.
2. Between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 30 May, there was local flying with about eight to ten ground attack aircraft which had white tips on their rudder assemblies. Local flights were also made between 7:30 and 11 p.m. At nightfall, the two landing lights in the wings of the planes were switched on. The rotary searchlight was not in operation and the runway and obstacle lights were not switched on during night flying.
3. On 2 June, local flying with ground attack aircraft started at 7 a.m. Three trucks, 3 tank trucks, 2 radio trucks with rod antennae, and a fire truck were parked at the take-off point, in the northwestern corner of the field. Thirty-seven ground attack planes including 10 aircraft which were flying were seen at the field outside the closed hangars. All the planes had white tips on their rudder assemblies. Of the aircraft used for flying 2 had white propeller hubs, 2 had blue, and 3 had yellow-brown. The planes were not arranged according to their colors. A sentry at the take-off point directed the landings. He raised a white flag as a signal for each plane to land at the field. Once, a red flag was raised whereupon the approaching plane did not land. A ground attack plane was towing a sleeve target. Local flying ended at 11:15 a.m. Between 10:50 a.m. and noon, four ground attack aircraft practiced formation flying.
4. On 4 June about noon, 20 single-engine ground attack aircraft, the engines of which were covered with tarpaulins, were parked in two rows on the southern edge of the field. The white numbers were seen on the aircraft parked in the first row. All of the planes had the tips of their rudder assemblies painted white. *

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 Comment. The type and number of aircraft seen on the planes indicate that the field is still occupied by a ground attack regiment and an air transport squadron.

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